

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 11-12

Replace the paragraph commencing at line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

In the above Step S2, when the focus state is less than the threshold B, the flow proceeds to Step S4. In Step S4, the image is judged impossible to measure because the focus state has not been calculated correctly due to the brightness, the shape, ~~the shape~~ and patterns of the object's image, the focus state display means 31 indicates that the focus state is the impossible measurement state, and this flow is terminated.